

## **HOWARD COUNTY BRAC TASK FORCE**

**BRAC BIT: # 68**

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**SUBJECT(S):** Upcoming Key Events

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### **1. Upcoming Events:**

#### **Information Assurance Pancake Breakfast (Save the date)**

- i. Date: 1 April, 2010, 4:30 AM to 5:30 AM
- ii. Location: Columbia, SC
- iii. Menu:
  - Buttermilk pancakes with Cyber Syrup
- iv. Register: Pancake lovers \$425.00, Non-pancake lovers \$4.25 contact: Maryland Department of Pancakes (MDOP)

### **2. Discussion/Back to Reality:**

- a. Relook at BRAC and Overall Fort Meade Growth:
  - i. As we approach the arrival of the first BRAC organizations on Fort Meade in 2010, it is easy to take for granted the fact that this state and the Fort Meade Region will be gaining significant numbers of high paying jobs during a time when many areas of the county are losing jobs. We know that these new jobs bring more people, who bring more cars to an area currently under traffic stress.
  - ii. We also know that there is very little funding available to upgrade our road infrastructure around Fort Meade. So with the new jobs comes a downside, increased congestion during peak traffic times on roads such as MD 175, MD 32, MD 100, MD 29 and the B-W Parkway. Without infrastructure dollars, Transportation Demand Management will become a significant part of the solution. Simply put, we need to get more people in fewer vehicles! More to follow on this subject.
- b. Maryland State Highway 175: Unfortunately, there is an expectation by some of our stakeholders that MD 175 between I-95 and Fort Meade will be significantly improved between now and the arrival of the first BRAC organizations in late 2010 and 2011. The Fort Meade Regional Growth Management Committee (RGMC) has no knowledge of any actions supporting this perception. There is a slight possibility that MD 175 may be improved between the BW Parkway and Fort Meade by 2011, but it is not likely.
- c. BRAC Business Initiative (BBI): Did we tell you this was going to be hard? Well we did and it is! As you recall, the BBI effort is focused on making the defense contracting effort in and around Fort Meade more transparent. We do this by tracking the efforts of 20 Test Companies and now we will begin surveying many of our 450 Partner companies in order to more quickly build our contract information base.
- d. BBI Networking Effort: We have over 450 Partner Companies in our networking group. We have a committee working very hard to come up with some innovative methods of connecting the dots between small and minority businesses, defense contractors, defense agencies and anyone else who will pay for a product and/or service. If you know a company that would like to join, please have them send me an email.
- e. Delinquent! All of the companies in our data base are required to give us some basic information so we can match them up with new business. We have some companies that owe us that basic information. Please get it to us quick if you want to stay with us. In the near future we will be sending out a list of these delinquent companies. Call our BRAC Deputy, Raj Kudchadkar at 410-313-6376 if you have a question.